



**Sustainable Arlington
an Envision Arlington environment committee**

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 25th, 2019

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Location: Town Hall Annex, 1st Floor Conference Room,
730 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA**

1. Introductions
2. Approve minutes
 - a. Unanimously approved.
3. Update from Planning Dept.
 - a. Net Zero Plan: really ramping up. Looking for volunteers. First, a training on how to put together an inventory, primarily GHG inventory. Needs volunteers to help with data entry over the next 1-2 years, related to your interests, maybe 12 hours a year. Second, Clean energy future committee needs help reviewing Arlington Sustainability Plan, need to take a section to dig into and figure out what we have accomplished and what we have not, and then figure out what needs to be carried forward. Research and come up with ideas for the net zero plan, look at what other communities are doing. If interested: contact Ken directly (Ken Pruitt kpruitt@town.arlington.ma.us). Greenhouse Gas Inventory complete in December, then public outreach after that as recommendations to get to net zero by 2050.
4. Arlington Gas Leaks
 - a. MOF tagged 177 gas leaks. Last fall, tagged 315 leaks reported by the gas company. Some of these leaks have gone unrepaired for years. 16,000 leaks across MA. 20+ towns in a multi town initiative to do something about gas leaks. "Rolling the Dice: Assessment of Gas Leak Safety in MA" report from Gas Leaks Allies on gas safety. www.Gasleaksallies.org.
5. BJ shares about the current 100% renewables vs. Roadmap bills in the legislature.
6. True Story Theater performance debrief
7. EcoFest March 21st 2020, focus on resilience. Need volunteers.

8. Birds, Pollinators, Native plants: Could a local initiative make a difference?
 - a. Brucie is hoping to start a working group to engage with other groups in Arlington.
9. New business
 - a. MOF presented in front of the select board to ask for a nonbinding resolution to support the principles expressed in the FUTURE act. They tabled it to the October 7th meeting. Members of SA are invited to attend to support the resolution.
10. Announcements
 - a. Harvest Your Energy Festival in Medford, October 19th 12 – 3pm, Riverbend Park.
 - b. Medford Fixit Clinic October 26th
 - c. Arlington Fixit Clinic and Clothing Swap, November 3rd, Thompson Elementary School 1 to 4pm.
 - d. Save the Date: EcoFest 2020 Sat. March 21st.
 - e. Oct 7th Select Board meeting advocate for FUTURES Act
 - f. Talking about climate change training Oct. 19th in Attleboro, Nov. 30th in Worcester.
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